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Environment Department Provides Loan to Bloomfield for Wastewater System Improvements

(Bloomfield, NM) – On Thursday, December 12, the New Mexico Environment Department and the City of Bloomfield will execute an agreement that will provide \$2.7 million for improvements to Bloomfield's wastewater system. Emilio "Mike" Sanchez, director of Environment Department's Administrative Services Division, will attend the signing ceremony with Bloomfield Mayor Keith Johnson at the Bloomfield City Hall, 915 N. First Street, at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12.

The agreement will enable the City to begin construction to renovate the existing wastewater treatment plant by improving primary and secondary treatment units, improving sludge handling and changing the method of disinfection. The upgrades will help keep Bloomfield in compliance with environmental regulations, and protect public health.

The New Mexico Environment Department has worked closely with the City to provide technical assistance, administrative support, and to streamline federal and state processes in providing low cost financing for the project. The funding is provided through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a program administered by the Environment Department for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that provides low cost loans to New Mexico communities to protect water quality throughout the State. The City of Bloomfield qualifies for a 3 percent loan that will be amortized over a 20-year term.

For more information, visit the Environment Department web site: <http://www/cpb/cwsrf.html> or call (505) 827-2808.

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